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Dear Friends of Agriculture,

Last year, New York farmers again faced challenging weather conditions. Unlike the previous extremely wet year, only two months in 2001 received adequate precipitation and nearly every month was considerably warmer than normal. Despite this adversity, cash income reached a record \$3.4 billion in 2001, which was influenced by the record high milk price received by our State's dairy farmers.

This report documents where New York's agriculture stands after 2001 and includes several years of history to show trends and changes. This information is invaluable to everyone connected with the agriculture and rural community. These facts allow us to assess the status of agriculture and to measure the health of farming, provide information for business and policy decisions, and help us understand the significance of farming to the State's economy, to rural communities, and to the open spaces of New York.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the farm families and businesses that gave their time to provide the Department with accurate data so these statistics could be prepared for our use. Without that cooperation, this report would not be possible. Compiling this information so that it is readily available remains vital to the best interests of New York State agriculture.

Sincerely,

Nathan L. Rudgers Commissioner

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